

CLEVELAND SAYS WE NEED EXAMPLE

Before Union League Club of Chicago Praises Teachings of Washington

AN IMMENSE CROWD PRESENT

Ex-President Was Greeted With Manifest Signs of Approval.

CHICAGO, Ill., February 22.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland was the orator of the day at the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, which is annually held under the auspices of the Union League Club of this city.

Mr. Cleveland addressed an audience that completely filled the great auditorium, and his oration was greeted with every manifestation of approval. He dwelt less upon the history and achievements of Washington than upon the soundness of Washington's political faith and the accuracy of Washington's economic wisdom. The prosperity and glory of the country will be, according to the speaker, unbroken and imperishable if the principles of Washington are always recalled and in general closely followed.

The republic still has, he said, imperative need of Washington, and his example and teachings are important to the present generation, as his labors and guidance were necessary to his own time.

Mr. Cleveland said in part:

"The American people are but little given to the observance of public holidays. This statement cannot be disputed, for it is the acknowledgment that our national history is too brief to call for the accumulation of days deserving style commemoration. Though it is true that our life, as a people, according to the standard measuring the development of nations, is but in its infant stage, it is filled with glorious achievements; and though it must be conceded that it is not given to us to see in the magnificence of our attainments the greatness of the forces of American heroes, yet in the bright and normal light shed upon our beginning and growth are seen grand and heroic men who have won imperishable names, worthy of remembrance. We cannot therefore afford a lack of ceremonial inclination, and a languid interest in recalling the notable incidents of our country's past under the pressure of the lack of material material; nor can we in this age of ours neglect adequately to observe such days as the special manifestation of our love and appreciation of the lives and the deeds of those who have given services of birth and development, and who have so nobly endured."

"If we are inclined to look for other reasons, one may occur to us while, though by no means certain, it may appear to gain a somewhat fanciful plausibility by reason of its reference to the law of heredity. It rests upon the theory that those who secured for America its independence, its freedom, and watched over its weak infancy, were so engrossed with the persistent and unceasable labors that pressed upon them, and their hopes and aspirations led them to constantly thoughts of the future, that they possessed no leisure to cultivate with them an extinct faculty, and that thus it may have happened that exclusive absorption in things pertaining to the present and future, to their natures as to constitute a trait of character, dispendible to their posterity even to the present generation."

American Pride.
There is another reason which might be advanced in mitigation of our lack of commemorative enthusiasm, which is so related to our pride of Americanism that it would be certain that we could not afford to let it go unheeded. In our hearts we have a sense of pride and accomplishment, and we enjoy our full share of the pride and exaltation which our country's material advancement so fully justifies. Its influences, resulting in its astonishing growth, in unparallelable industrial development, and its irrepressible inventive genius have made it the wonder of the centuries.

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"But after all, why should we attempt to delude ourselves? I am confident that I voice your convictions when I say that no play of ingenuity and no amount of special pleading can transmute an entirely creditable excuse for our languishes in appropriate holiday observance."

"The commemoration of the day on which American independence was born has been observed in the most important manner, as a reminder of providential favor and the inflexible patriotism of the fathers of the republic, and has nearly degenerated to a revel of senseless noise and dangerous exuberance, leaving in the train far more of mischief and accident than lessons of good citizenship, or pride of country. The observance of Thanksgiving Day has kept alive through its annual observance the spirit of patriotic charity, but it is worth our while to inquire whether its original meaning, as a day of united praise and gratitude to God for the blessings bestowed upon us, is not quite as creditable as the mere satisfaction in festive and social indulgence. We, in common with Christian nations everywhere, celebrate Christmas—but how much less as a day of commemorating the birth of the Savior of mankind than as a day of hilarity and the interchange of gifts!"

LEADERS OF OPPPOSING ARMIES IN CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR



Nicaraguan Forces Capture Town in Honduras and Defeat the Army With Great Loss.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, February 22.—The Nicaraguan forces, on February 20th, captured without opposition the town of El Trifun, in Honduras, and yesterday, after six hours of hard fighting, the Nicaraguan army occupied San Bernardo, an excellent position, owing to the fact that it is in communication by land and water with the Nicaraguan base of operations. Many Hondurans were killed or wounded, and the retreating army left quantities of ammunition and many rifles on the field. The casualties on the Nicaraguan side were a few men wounded.

Revolutionists Turn Traitors.
General Miguel R. Davila has arrived at Dandia, Honduras (not far from the Nicaraguan frontier), from the interior of

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